

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
Application for Premium Processing Service
Form I-907
OMB No. 1615-0048

A. Justification.

1. Section 286(u) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act) authorizes the collection of a \$1,000 “premium processing” fee which is used by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to process certain employment-based petitions and applications within 15-calendar days. The premium processing fee is in addition to the regular filing fee for the application or petition. This information collection is necessary to ensure that employment-based petitioners have access to premium processing pursuant to the Act.
2. The data collected on this form will be used by USCIS to process the petitioner’s/applicant’s request for premium processing. The form serves the purpose of standardizing requests for premium processing, and will ensure that basic information required to assess eligibility is provided by petitioners/applicants.
3. The use of this form provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. In this case USCIS does not employ the use of information technology in collecting and processing this information. This form is scheduled for e-filing during calendar year 2006.
4. A review of the USCIS Forms Inventory Report revealed no duplication of effort, and there is no other similar information currently available that can be used for this purpose.
5. This collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.
6. If the information is not collected, USCIS will not be able to effectively process requests for premium processing.

7. The special circumstances contained in item 7 of the supporting statement are not applicable to this information collection.
8. USCIS published a notice in the Federal Register on February 28, 2005, at 70 FR 9667 allowing for a 30-day comment period. USCIS did not receive any comments from the public.
9. USCIS does not provide payments or gifts to respondents in exchange for a benefit sought.
10. There is no assurance of confidentiality.
11. There are no questions of a sensitive nature.
12. Annual Reporting Burden:

a. Number of Respondents	80,000
b. Number of Responses per Respondent	1
c. Total annual Response	80,000
d. Hours for Response	.50
e. Total Annual Reporting Burden	40,000

The projected hours per response for this collection of information were derived by first breaking the process into three basic components:

Learning about the Law and the Form:	10 Minutes
Completing the Form:	5 Minutes
Filing the Form:	15 Minutes
Total Hours per response:	30 (.50) Minutes

Annual Reporting Burden

Total annual reporting burden hours are approximately 40,000. This figure was derived by multiplying number of respondents (80,000) x frequency of response (1) x 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response.

Public Cost

The estimated annual public cost is 80,400,000. This is based on the number of respondents (80,000) x 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response x \$10 (average hourly rate for respondent); plus the number of respondents (80,000) x fee charge of \$1,000.

13. There are no capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection. Any cost burdens to respondents as a result of this collection are identified in item #14. There is a \$1,000 fee associated with the collection of this information.

14. Annualized Cost Analysis

a. Printing Cost	\$ 21,600
b. Collecting and Processing	\$79,978,400
c. Total Annual Cost	\$80,000,000
d. Fee Charge	\$80,000,000
e. Total Cost to Government	\$ 0

Government Cost

The estimated cost of the program to the Government is calculated by using the estimated number of respondents (80,000) multiplied by the suggested \$1,000 fee charge (The \$1,000 processing fee is set by section 286(u) and is used to provide certain premium-processing services to business customers, and to make infrastructure improvements in the adjudications and customer-service processes). This fee also includes a percent of the estimated overhead cost for printing, stocking, distributing and processing of this form.

15. There has been no increase or decrease in the burden hours or costs previously reported for this information collection.
16. USCIS does not intend to employ the use of statistics or the publication thereof for this collection of information.
17. USCIS is not seeking a waiver to display the expiration date of OMB approval for this information collection.

18. The USCIS does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection.

B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

Not Applicable.

C. Certification and Signature.

Paperwork Certification

In submitting this request for OMB approval, I certify that the requirements of the Privacy Act and OMB directives have been complied with including paperwork regulations, statistical standards or directives, and any other information policy directives promulgated under 5 CFR 1320.

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Date